IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 122 OF 2006

Suchitra Anant Ketkar] .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Maharashtra & 9 ors.] .. Respondents

None for the petitioner.

Mr. N.P. Deshpande, AGP, for the respondents 1-3.

Mr. S.Venkateshwar, senior counsel with Mr. Umesh Shetty i/b M/s. Umesh Shetty & Co. for respondent No.4.

Mr. T.N. Subramanian, senior counsel i/b M/s. M.P. Savla & Co. for respondent No.8.

Mr. V.R. Dhond i/b M/s. Crawford Bayley & Co. for respondent No.7.

CORAM: R.M. LODHA &
S.A. BOBDE, JJ.

DATED: 12TH OCTOBER, 2006

P.C. :

. Heard.

2. At the outset, the counsel for respondent No.7 placed before us, the letter dated 10th October, 2006 sent by Nautical Surveyor-cum-Deputy Director General of Shipping (Technical) to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Shipping,. Road Transport &

Highways. The copy of the letter is taken on record and marked "X" for identification purposes.

3. The said letter records that the vessel m.v. KEW BRIDGE was successfully refloated on the high tide of 9th October, 2006 at 23.27 hrs. after discharging the cargo by m.v NAYANTARA and dredging by m.v. ANTAREJA. It further states that inspection test of the machinery and equipment are being carried out and that MMD, Goa shall conduct the preliminary inquiry and port state control inspection. It further records that the tug RAJAJI that had aground during the salvage operations of the vessel m.v. KEW BRIDGE was also refloated at 00.45 hrs. on 10th October, 2006 and MMD, Goa shall be conducting the preliminary inquiry and Flag State inspection of the vessel.

4. We are, thus, satisfied that nothing further is required to be done by this Court. We dispose of the Writ Petition accordingly.

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[R.M. LODHA, J.]

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[S.A. BOBDE, J.]